
Council Highlights

September 13, 1996
Roger Kimura MD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Dr Carl Lehman, President at 5:35 p.m. Present: J. Spangler, President-elect; L. Howard, Treasurer; R. Kimura, Secretary; F. Holschuh, Immediate Past President; AMA Delegate: C. Kam, R. Stodd; AMA Alternate Delegate: A. Kunitomo; Speaker: H.K.W. Chinn; County Presidents: E. Bade, T. Crane, T. Smith; Councilors: T. Au, P. Chinn, P. DeMare, M. Shirasu, W. Young, B. Shitamoto; Past Presidents: J. McDonnell, Medical Students: J. Ing & D. Onaga; Young Physician Delegate: C. Goto.

HMA Staff: J. Won, B. Kendro, N. Jones, L. Tong, J. Asato, P. Kawamoto, A. Rogness-recording secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 2 meeting were approved with corrections.

- Dr Lehman reported; 1) that a HMA Workers' Compensation seminar is scheduled for September 23 at 5:30; 2) He met with the freshman medical students on August 9; 3) He joined others with Mayor Jeremy Harris for a breakfast meeting; 4) Drs DeMare and Lehman met with press and media regarding FDA authority to regulate advertising and selling of cigarettes, especially to minors; 5) he was interviewed by Sandra Sagisi of KGMB regarding reform of health insurance and fraud and abuse; 6) Drs L. Howard and Lehman attended a 2 hour Welfare Reform Task Force session encouraging training for a life of independence. 7) he encourages physicians to sign up with the AMA's Grass Roots Hot Line by calling 1-800-833-6354 and entering the ME number on your AMA membership card. You may also check the AMA Grass Roots Home Page which provides up-to-date information on political action from the AMA; 8) The Gang of Six met and discussed the decrease of Medicaid funds.

- Dr Lehman thanked Council and members of the HMA for the privilege of serving as President of the organization. Dr Holschuh, Immediate Past President of the HMA thanked Dr Lehman on behalf of Council for his dedication and hard work throughout the year. A round of applause was given and a lei presented to Dr Lehman.

- Mrs. Gutteling, President HMA Alliance read her extensive annual report on the fundraisers, and projects done throughout the year on behalf of physician members.

For Action

1) Council approved the Finance Committee recommendations that; a) HMA change auditors and approved the extra funds for next year's audit; b) Mr. Vernon Woo, outside legal counsel who was on retainer be placed on a fee-for-service status effective 10/1/96; c) to change portfolio management companies from East Pacific Investment to SEI, for HMA's employee pension fund and provide, for HMA members office pension plans and, personal portfolios; d) the HCMS contract fee be reduced to \$6,000; e) the proposed draft of the budget for 1997 be approved for submission to the House of Delegates in October.

2) Council approved the Hawaii Physician Alliance, Inc.'s request to do a presentation at the annual meeting on their for-profit MSO.

3) Council passed a motion that the Membership Benefits Committee investigate a better Hawaii Medical Library rate for all physicians in Hawaii.

4) Council approved the Tobacco Task Force's recommendation to request monies with the American Cancer Society, for a grant on tobacco prevention and the HMA provide inkind services such as, use of meeting rooms, clerical equipment, etc. Council also approved the committee's recommendation that Dr Shirasu and HMA staff make every effort to make space available at the annual meeting so the Tobacco Task Force and the State of Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Education Committee and Domestic Violence Division can display information.

5) Council approved of the concept of electing two Alternate Delegates. They would attend AMA meetings at their own expense. The HMA President previously served as an alternate.

Component Society Reports

Honolulu - Dr P. Blanchette is continuing to visit hospitals and physician meetings to promote the benefits of joining the HCMS. Her next visits will be at Wahiawa and Kuakini Hospital. The topic to be discussed at the first general membership meeting will be the new MSO.

Kauai - Dr T. Crane reported that Kauai County is looking forward to the annual meeting. He also brought up the discussion of fees charged for using the Hawaii Medical Library. Please refer to action item on this issue.

Hawaii - Dr E. Bade reported that their County did not meet this past month, however will be meeting in a couple of weeks for the election of officers.

For Information

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Conference: This conference will be held in October 1997 by the Hawaii State Foster Parents Association and is asking for HMA's support in volunteers, materials and supplies, etc. This is being referred to the Maternal Perinatal Mortality Study Committee and Children and Youth Committee for discussion.

HMA/CIVS.—Two meetings have been held with 4 organizations who are considering the service at the present time.

Strategic Planning.—Dr Lehman reported that the HMA held a strategic planning session and are awaiting Mr. Bruce Balfe's (of the AMA) report on the session and suggested areas of change.

Coalition for Quality End-of-Life Care.—The HMA Committee on Ethical Concerns will be writing a resolution on the issue and bringing it to the House of Delegates.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.